**Français I**

**Mme Main**

**2015-2016**

Welcome to French I class! I am so happy to have you as my student!

The Three Rs: Responsabilité, Respect, Résultats!

*Before we begin, let’s examine the Three Rs:*

As your teacher, is it my **RESPONSIBILITY** to…

Behave in a way that shows **RESPECT** for myself, others, the

environment, property, time, and rules.

Behave in a way that encourages positive **RESULTS.**

Provide a physically and emotionally safe learning environment.

Design appropriate academic tasks.

It is *your* **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a way that shows

**RESPECT** for..

**Yourself**

* Be intellectually honest
* Do quality work
* Speak up if you have concerns or needs
* Set appropriate boundaries

**Others**

* Honor diversity
* Honor space

**Time**

* Honor yours, mine, and ours

**Property**

* Take care of things (whether they belong to you, to your neighbor, to me, or to our school)

**Rules**

* Know the rules for both our school and our French class

French Class Rules for discussions and stories:

1. Listen with the intent to understand.
2. One person speaks, and the others listen.
3. Suggest cute answers, avoiding English (one-word answers in English are OK).
4. Ask for clarification if you don’t understand. Other students support all clarification requests.
5. Sit up…squared shoulders…clear eyes.
6. Actors—synchronize your actions with my words.

This is the 50% that I expect from you—I will provide the other 50%. Without all of you following these rules, the class will not work!

**Cell Phone Policy**

Cell phones may be used in the classroom ONLY for academic purposes. Please ask me if you would like to use wordreference, quizlet, take a picture, use Google, etc. I reserve the right to veto any request made to use your cell phone.

Please make sure the ringer is OFF on your cell phones upon entering the classroom. If you aren’t using the phone for academic purposes, your phone should be stowed away in your purse or school bag. If you use your cell phone during class without my permission, necessary precautions will be taken (phone taken away, demerits written, etc.)

**The Environment**

* Reduce, reuse, recycle
* Keep your desk and the area around it clean.

It is your **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a way that encourages

positive **RESULTS** by...

* Participating in class work
* Doing your homework
* Managing your time
* Working well with partners/groups
* Bringing the materials you need to do academic work
* 3-ring binder with paper
* Pencil or pen
* Dry erase marker
* Workbook
* Textbook (Textbooks may be left in the classroom when not needed for homework or studying outside of the room. When we use a textbook in class, however, you MUST use your own textbook. This prevents people from accidentally leaving the room with somebody else’s textbook.)

Your **RESULTS** will be reflected in a quarter grade

that is based on:

**Homework completion**

• Homework is practice, not a test. Even if you aren’t sure you’re doing

it right...do it!

• You earn credit for having homework assignments done **to the best**

**of your ability** and **on time**.

**Class participation**

• Be prepared, attentive, responsive, and respectful in class.

• Have your supplies and binder every day.

**Quiz and test grades**

Tests and quizzes are usually **unannounced**. The reason that I

will not announce tests is that cramming for a test the night before

does not produce long-term memory. Since I want you to know

**all** of the material at **all** times, tests will include **all** of the French we

have learned, not just the current vocabulary list.

**Writing and oral assessments**

Several times throughout the year, you will have writing assignments. All first drafts will be written in class. You will turn in your first draft, I will revise it, you will re-write it with corrections, and I will grade you on your final draft. We may also have oral assessments.

Grades will be updated weekly. You may check your grade as often as you like. See me immediately if you have any questions or concerns about your grade.

**French Classroom Procedures**

**The Beginning of Class**: Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings. Have your homework out and ready to be checked. Check the homework (DEVOIRS) board and copy down any assignments in your student planner.

**The End of Class**: Class is not over until I dismiss you. Until that time, you will stay at your seat and work. Do not put away your materials early, line up at the door, or walk around the room. Before you leave, make sure that materials are put away and pick up any trash on the floor.

**Tardies**: Any time you arrive late to class, hand me your pass. Seat yourself quickly and join in whatever activity is in progress. You are responsible for making up any activity that you missed, as well as copying any notes.

**Absences**: If you are absent for any reason, you are required to make up all work missed. It is your responsibility to find out what assignments and notes you missed

* How to find makeup work assignments: Check the folder with your name on it for any handouts. Politely ask a classmate what classroom activities, homework and/or notes you missed. You may also check my website for information: [www.madamemain.wikispaces.com](http://www.madamemain.wikispaces.com) and/or e-mail me ([emain@ursulineacademy.org](mailto:emain@ursulineacademy.org)).
* If you will be absent for an extended period of time and request make-up work ahead of time, I will try my best to provide it, but it cannot be guaranteed. Because of the nature of my class, classroom activities change often, so it’s important that you check the website while you’re out if possible or as soon as you return.

**Substitute Teachers**: There will be times when I will not be in the classroom. Please cooperate with the substitute teacher. Be aware that substitute teachers may not be proficient in French.

\*\*You will have a substitute teacher for at least three months this year because I’m having a baby boy who is due on September 17th! She is a retired French teacher, and her name is Mme Hafertepen. All of these rules apply in my classroom, whether I am the teacher or not, so I know you will be kind and respectful to our guest, making her feel welcome to UA.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to see me or send me an e-mail. If you struggle with any content or are interested in discussing something with me, please stop by the classroom or make an appointment with me.

I love French, and I hope to share my love of the language and culture with all of you! If you ever need anything, whether it be French and school-related or personal, please never hesitate to approach me. Learning a foreign language can be a challenge, and so can high school in general, so please stop in my classroom or e-mail me anytime if you need me! ☺